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SUBJECT: FURTHER PRESS PLAY ON SOVIET DEFECTOR PAKHOMOV

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1. OCTOBER 12 DELHI PAPERS CONTINUED SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE ON THE SOVIET TOURIST-DEFECTOR.

2. THE PURPORT OF THE SOMEWHAT VARIED PRESS ACCOUNTS WAS THAT PAKHOMOV ENTERED THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 10, BROKE SOME WINDOWS AND JUMPED FROM THE FIRST FLOOR OF A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, AND WAS TAKEN OFF BY THE POLICE WHO WERE INFORMED BY THE BRITISH ABOUT THE INTRUDER. PAKHOMOV INJURED HIS HANDS AND LEG AND WAS AT THE HOSPITAL UNDER POLICE GUARD. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WERE REFUSING TO COMMENT.

3. A BRITISH OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING SIMPLY THAT "THERE WAS A DISTURBANCE IN THE HIGH COMMISSION PREMISES LAST NIGHT. WE CONTACTED THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO REMOVED THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED".

4. ALL ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO OUR PRESS RELEASE TO THE EFFECT THAT
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PAKHOMOV WAS IN OUR EMBASSY, CLAIMED INTELLIGENCE MEN

WATCHING THE US EMBASSY DIDN'T SEE ANYONE ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION
COME OUT ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY AND WERE NOW TRYING TO FIND OUT
IF HE WAS SMUGGLED OUT IN OUR WHITE AMBULANCE. THE "EXPRESS" SAID
PAKHOMOV CONFIRMED TO REPORTERS AT THE HOPSITAL THAT HE HAD GONE
TO THE US EMBASSY ON TUESDAY BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHY HE WENT THERE.

5. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, SOVIET EMBASSY AUTHORITIES MADE
REPRESENTATIIONS TO HAVE PAKHOMOV TURNED OVER TO THEM FOR TREAT-
MENT. THE "TIMES OF INDIA" SAID PAHOMOV WAS BEING HANDED OVER
TO THE SOVIETS TO BE SENT BACK TO MOSCOW ON THE OCTOBER 12
AEROFLOT FLIGHT.
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